



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gang Liu, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/941,471

Filed: August 29, 2001

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PHOSPHATASE INHIBITORS

Examiner: T. V. Oh

Group Art Unit: 1625

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003 with respect to the patent
application identified above.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the groups of claims
under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Applicants hereby elect Group I claims 1-75 drawn to the non-heterocyclic pro-drugs
of formula I without traverse.

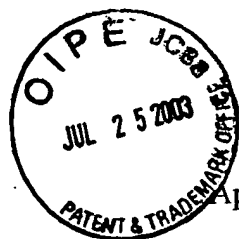


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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement for Gang Liu, *et al.*,
for SELECTIVE PROTEIN TYROSINE PHOSPHATASE INHIBITORS, the
specification of which was filed on August 29, 2001, and received Serial No. 09/941,471.

Also enclosed are: Request for two month extension of time (in duplicate)
Return-receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees
required under 37 CFR 1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37
CFR 1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment has not been
tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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